

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In paragraph [0082], please amend the specification as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

[0082]       The second submission negotiation summary field 480 provides identical functionality to the first negotiation summary field 470 for a second submission negotiation. In one embodiment of the present invention, fields 470 and 480 provide access to first and second negotiations for a single submission. In an alternative embodiment, fields 470 and 480 provide access to all negotiations for first and second submissions. In the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the negotiation review field 460 can be tailored according to the number of submissions and negotiations to provide[[s]] the most convenient access to all negotiations for each submission for a given cedent. While the illustrated embodiment shows first and second negotiation information windows, a variety of numbers and configurations of negotiation information windows are possible within the scope of the present invention. As will be understood by those skilled in the art, the fields discussed with reference to the negotiation interface 400 are included for illustrative purposes and are not to be considered limiting in any sense. The negotiation interface 400 can be configured with a variety of fields that can be arranged in a variety of configurations for allowing the user to access negotiation information without departing from the scope or spirit of the present invention.

In paragraph [0084], please amend the specification as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

[0084]       The windows of the negotiation interface 500 include a submission information window 510, a comment field[[s]] 520, a negotiation detail window 530, a negotiation alternates

window 540, a conditions window 550, a exclusions window 560, and an attach files window 570. The submission information window 510 provides interactive access to submission information. The submission window 510 comprises a submission summary window 512 and a submission detail button 514. The submission summary window 512 provides summary information for identifying key submission information. The submission detail button 514 provides access to detailed submission information such as policy information and reinsurance information. The detailed submission information can be presented to users in a variety of formats such as in a pop up screen or by through a separate submission detail interface.

In paragraph [0085], please amend the specification as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

[0085]        The negotiation comment field[[s]] 520 provides access to comments included as part of submissions, responses, and replies as well as permits users to enter additional comments. By providing access to the comments in a dedicated window, the present invention ~~enable~~ enables users to quickly and efficiently determine whether new comments have been received. The users are thus able to review the comments without having to review the entire negotiation to determine whether any comments have been sent. The negotiation comment field[[s]] 520 ~~comprise~~comprises a field for allowing users to view comments and input of new comments and ~~a and includes~~ a comment history button 524. The new comment field[[s]] 520 ~~allow~~allows users to view new comments received as part of a response or reply from other parties in the negotiation. The comment field[[s]] 520 also allows users to input comments in conjunction with a response or reply to be submitted to another party in the negotiation. The comment history button 524 allows users to access all comments provided during various stages of the

negotiation. The enter comments field[[s]] 520 can also be configured to stamp comments with the time, date, and identification information of the person making comments.

In paragraph [0086], please amend the specification as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

[0086] The negotiation detail field[[s]] 530 ~~allow~~allows users to view submissions, responses, and replies and the corresponding information exchanged during various stages of the negotiation. The negotiation detail field[[s]] 530 further allows users and to provide a response or reply to continue or conclude the negotiation. The negotiation detail field 530 include a provide input field 532, a last response field 534, a last submission/reply field 536, and a view complete history button 538. The provide input field 532 allows users to input a reply or response to continue or conclude the negotiation. The last response field 534 allows users to view the last response given by an assumer. The last submission/reply field 536 allows the users to view the last input received from a cedent whether the input was a submission or a reply. The view complete history button 538 allows the user to view each submission, reply, or response exchanged during each stage of the negotiation.